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From a progressive perspective, this legislation is fundamentally misguided. It perpetuates racial and economic injustice by funneling more people, disproportionately Black and Brown, into prisons for longer periods, devastating families and communities. Decades of evidence prove that lengthy mandatory sentences do not deter crime but do guarantee immense human suffering and fiscal waste.

The bill severely constricts pathways to rehabilitation and second chances. By curtailing parole eligibility and intensifying punishment for technical violations, it sabotages successful reentry, making it harder for individuals to rebuild their lives and more likely to cycle back into the system. This directly contradicts evidence-based practices that reduce recidivism.

Furthermore, the bill diverts colossal public resources—potentially hundreds of millions of dollars—into expanding prisons instead of investing in the root causes of crime: poverty, lack of mental healthcare, substance use treatment, education, and housing. It is a policy of vengeance over justice, of fear over compassion.

We urge a rejection of this regressive bill. True safety comes from investing in communities, not in cages. Let us pursue policies of restoration, healing, and smart justice, not this destructive expansion of a broken status quo.



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HB 3155 is a 46-page omnibus rewrite of Missouri criminal law that bundles unrelated changes to sentencing calculations, probation and parole eligibility, jail-time credit, weapons provisions, sex-offense sentencing rules, and prosecutorial authority into a single bill.

This is not reform. It is legislating by bulk upload.

First, the bill undermines transparency and meaningful public review. A proposal of this breadth prevents targeted debate and forces legislators to vote up or down on a package of unrelated liberty restrictions, violating the spirit of Missouri’s single-subject requirement and basic legislative accountability.

Second, HB 3155 follows a clear cross-bill pattern this session: escalating minimum time served, narrowing judicial discretion, and reducing release pathways across multiple chapters of law. This is not tailored public safety policy. It is coordinated punishment expansion that will increase incarceration pressure, litigation, and long-term state costs.

Third, the bill improperly shifts sentencing away from individualized judicial judgment and toward rigid statutory formulas. Sentencing is a core judicial function and cannot be reduced to legislative math without raising separation-of-powers concerns.

Fourth, multiple provisions heighten due process risk by restricting jail-time credit, limiting probation eligibility, and tying liberty outcomes to procedural posture rather than individualized findings.

Finally, HB 3155’s breadth makes it a prime vehicle for late-stage “poison pill” amendments that could dramatically alter Missouri criminal law without clean hearings or transparent votes.

If any provision of HB 3155 is believed to be necessary, it should be advanced as a standalone bill with focused hearings and fiscal accountability.

As drafted, HB 3155 is overly broad, procedurally unsafe, and constitutionally exposed.

Recommendation: Do not pass HB 3155.

Constitutional references: Missouri Constitution, Article III, Section 23 (single-subject rule). Missouri Constitution, Article II, Section 1 (separation of powers). Missouri Constitution, Article I, Sections 10

and 14 (due process and access to courts).



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